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but, on the contrary, vigorously combats them. The appendices are devoted to a consideration of the analysis of the Pentateuch a procedure against which the author strongly declares.

This edition while containing precisely the same matter as the first published, is offered at a much lower rate, and the book is thus brought within the reach of all. While the table of contents gives a clear idea of the substance of the chapters, one can not help thinking that an alphabetical index of the subjects treated would greatly facilitate reference to the material in the book. It is to be hoped that in succeeding editions such an aid to the student may be provided. The book is very neatly bound, and the public is to be congratulated upon having an opportunity to secure so good a work, in a form so serviceable, and at so much cheaper a price.

### Studia Biblia.

*Studia Biblica et Ecclesiastica. Essays chiefly in biblical and patristic Criticism.* By members of the University of Oxford. Vol. II. Oxford: Clarendon Press. New York: Macmillan and Co. Pp. 324, price \$3.25.

The contributions which make up this volume consist of seven elaborate essays. Their titles and the authors of them are (1) The Authorship and Titles of the Psalms according to early Jewish authorities, by Ad. Neubauer, M. A. (2) The Origin and Mutual Relations of the Synoptic Gospels by F. H. Woods, B. D. (3) The Day and Year of St. Polycarp's Martyrdom, by C. H. Turner, M. A. (4) The Clementine Homilies, by C. Bigg, D. D. (5) The Evidence of the Early Versions and Patristic Quotations on the Text of the Books of the New Testament, by L. J. M. Bebb, M. A. (6) The Ammonian Sections, Eusebian Canons, and Harmonizing Tables in the Syriac Tetraevangelium, by G. H. Gwilliam, B. D. (7) The Codex Amiatinus and its Birth-place, by H. J. White, M. A. Additional notes to the last four are made by Professor Sanday. These essays date all the way from 1885 to 1889. They are none of them especially striking pieces of work. One wishes that the three professors who are sponsors for the volume had enriched it with something more than a few notes. What is presented here gives evidence of scholarly research and testifies to the high character of the training given at Oxford in the lines of biblical and patristic study.

### St. Mark.

*The Pulpit Commentary. St. Mark.* Exposition by Very Rev. E. Bickersteth, D. D., Homiletics by Rev. Prof. J. R. Thompson, Homilies by various Authors. 2 Vols. Second Edition. New York: A. D. F. Randolph and Co. Pp. xii. 371; 371. Price \$4.00.

Surely everything that need be said on this shortest of the Gospels it would seem possible to say in the course of 742 closely printed pages. But yet commentaries on Mark will continue to appear yearly in spite of this fact. Dean Bickersteth has produced a useful book. It is largely a compilation from other sources, at least so far as the exposition is concerned. The introduction is meagre. The author thinks that the evidence for the genuineness of the last twelve verses seems irresistible. His notes are not condensed but quite voluminous and excel in the theological and practical lines rather than in the historical and exegetical. The volumes do not equal those on Luke and John in the same series but still will be found useful for the average student.